

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF THE GENUS *CONUS*
FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

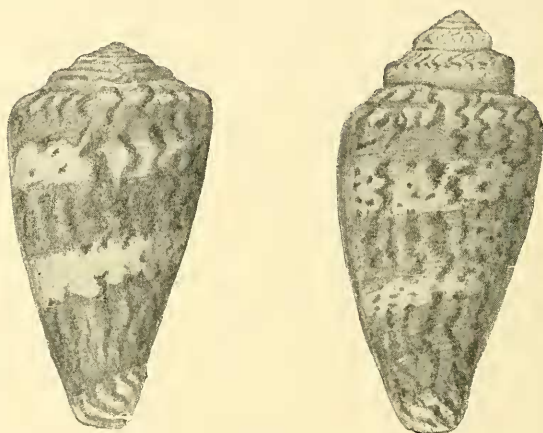
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CONUS BECKERI, n.sp.

Testa turbinata, mediocriter obesa, albida, luteo-fusco tribalteata, flammulis longitudinalibus saturatoribus irregulariter diversiformibus ornata, maculis fuscis minutis plus minusve conspersa; spira convexa, leviter prominens; anfractus 8-9, læves, obtuse angulati, supra angulum leviter concavi; anfractus ultimus leviter convexus, basin versus attenuatus; apertura mediocriter lata. Long. 50, diam. maj. 27 mm.

Hab.—St. Francis Bay, South Africa.



A rather gaily-coloured Cone, with three rather broad bands of yellowish brown and irregularly formed flames of a darker colour. The spire in the normal form is somewhat obtuse, and but little raised, with the whorls graduated, smooth, and concave at the top. The body-whorl is slightly rounded at the angle, which, however, is fairly prominent, convex at the sides, and tapering towards the base. In addition to the colour-bands and flames the type-specimen has here and there a few minute brown spots.

The second specimen is an abnormality; its spire being considerably raised and irregularly gradate; in this the small brown spots are much more numerous.

The only two specimens I have seen of this species were submitted to me by Dr. H. Becker, of Grahamstown, after whom I have pleasure in naming it.

Dr. Becker also sent me for comparison specimens of *Conus lautus*, Reeve, from the same locality, some of the specimens bearing a slight resemblance to the new species, but differing considerably from it in form and in the character of the spire.